chapter 15
The Sixteenth Night

IF IT'S ONLY TO LIBRARY, I CAN GO THERE BY MYSELF.
NEVER MIND
I ALSO WANT TO WRITE MY REPORT IMME-DIATELY.
IT'S QUIET THERE, AND THE ROOM IS COOL.
THAT'S TRUE ...
OH ..
YES ...
WHAT'S UP?
HOW IS TOKO?
HUH ..?

LAST NIGHT YOU CALLED HER, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I ONLY HEARD THE LAST PART.
YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE TOKO... LIKE THAT...
YOU ...
MAKOTO! YOU RE NOT ALLOWED TO EAVESDROP PEOPLE'S CONVERSATIONS, YOU KNOW!
HUM? I JUST ACCIDENTALLY HEARD IT
YOU!
SHO!
*sneeze

WHY DON'T YOU REST, TOKO?
AH, EXCUSE ME.
APPARENTLY SOMEONE IS TALKING ABOUT YOU...
TOKO DOES HAVE A LOT OF FANS! HAHA...
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!
BY THE WAY... YOU HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TSUKASA... THEN?
OH YES... I FORGET.
I THOUGHT I'VE EVER HEARD THAT NAME
HE'S ACTUALLY OF THE SAME PROFESSION
SO, HE'S AN ONMYODO...
ABOUT THAT, SATORU KNOWS MORE.
THE KUNAI FAMILY IS...

AN ONMYODO FAMILY AS WELL, LIKE OUR FAMILY. THEY ARE ALSO FAMOUS.
ESPECIALLY IN THE WORLD OF BLACK MAGIC
THEY ACCEPTED THE REQUEST TO KILL PEOPLE THROUGH INCANTATIONS AND SATANIC SAYINGS
THEY HAD A GREAT POWER AND ALSO WEALTH.
IT'S NOT AN EXAGGERATION IF PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY ARE SURELY RELATED TO THE POLITICAL CHANGES IN JAPAN.
EXACTLY LIKE THE TARAMURA FAMILY.
HOWEVER
THEY USED THEIR POWER TO GAIN MONEY AND FAME IN THAT WORLD OF BLACK MAGIC...
FOR ONE THAT HAS THAT KIND OF POWER, THERE IS A TIME TO STOP HIM.
IF THEY ONLY HAVE THE DESIRE WITHOUT TRAINING THEIR POWER, THAT POWER WILL FALL APART

BUT THE ANCESTORS OF THAT FAMILY HAD REALLY BEEN UNREASONABLE.
THEY WERE NOT THAT POWERFUL, YET THEY ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT MONEY.
HOW COULD THAT KIND OF PEOPLE BE RELIGIOUS LEADERS!
FINALLY, THE POWER OF THE KUNAI FAMILY FELL APART, BUT THEY DID NOT WANT TO ADMIT IT. INSTEAD THEY BLAMED THE WORLD FOR THEIR DOWNFALL.
HUH! MAYBE IT'S ONLY PRIDE BECAUSE THEIR FAMILY IS A FAMOUS FAMILY.
GIVE THANKS, THEY ARE NOT HOLDING THAT GREAT POWER ANYMORE NOW.
TSUKASA, WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS, SEEMS LIKE GOING TO SEIZE IT AT ALL COST.
THE PURPOSE IS FOR FAME, OR MONEY... OR TO RESTORE THE NAME OF HIS FAMILY.
PERHAPS HE...

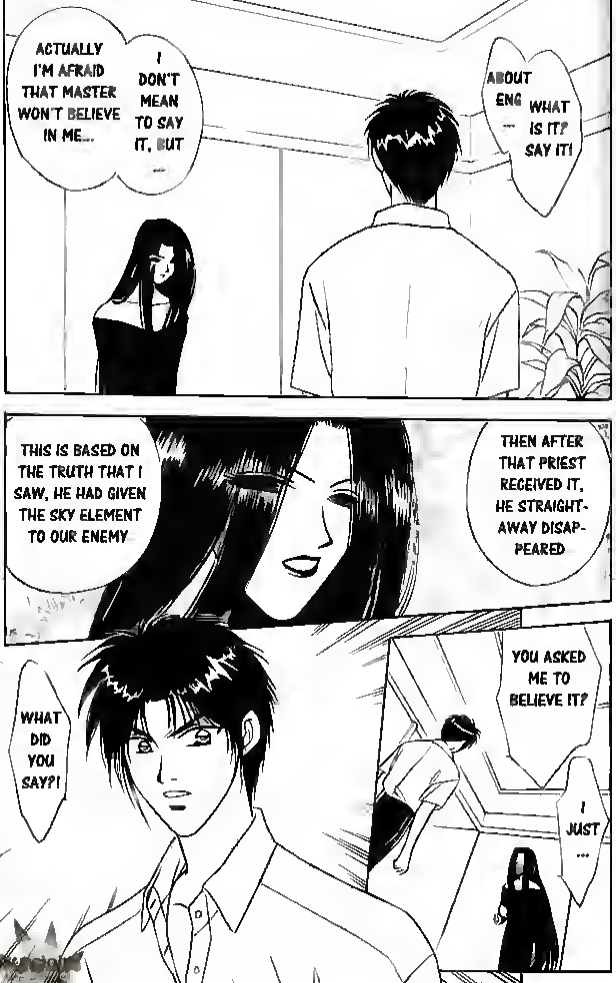
AND THE KUNAI FAMI-LY...
ARE ONLY AFFECTED BY THAT FAMILY'S FAME...
THEY ARE IN FACT THE MERE VICTIMS.
SATO-RU...
BROTHER...

PSST... SHO! ARE YOU STILL ANGRY?
NO ...
YOU'RE REALLY ANGRY, AREN'T YOU?
KEEP TALKING AND YOU'LL NEVER FINISH THAT BOOK.
LIKE... WHERE DO WE HAVE TO GO FOR THE NEXT ELEMENT?
WHAT?
OH YEAH HASN'T SO-GETSU SAY ANYTHING?
QUICKLY READ THAT BOOK!
Y... YES ..
NO, HE HASN'T ...
BUT...
then.
the next

the next place...
IZU .
WHAT ?
IZU— MAYBE...
YES ... I HAVE THAT FEELING.
IZU?
WHAT ?!

WHY DO YOU KNOW THIS?
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT MASTER WANTS THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS
I WANT TO HELP ...
IN-DEED
THEY'VE GOTTEN THE SE-COND FRUIT?
I KNOW, THIS IS UNREA-SONABLE.
BUT WHEN I USE MY MAGIC POWER, IF THERE S SOME-ONE POWERFUL HELPS, THAT PO-WER CAN BE TREMENDOUS.
HUH ...
ARE YOU SO MODEST TODAY?

I APOLOGISE FOR MY LACK OF POLITENESS AT THAT TIME.
THAT WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU ARE A GREAT PERSON WHO IS LOOKING FOR THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS.
GO AWAY!
WA... WAIT! OUR CONVERSATION ...
I'VE SAID ... I DON'T NEED YOU!
NO... THIS IS ABOUT ENG...


ACTUALLY I'M AFRAID THAT MASTER WON'T BELIEVE IN ME...
I DON'T MEAN TO SAY IT, BUT ...
ABOUT ENG ... WHAT IS IT? SAY IT!
THIS IS BASED ON THE TRUTH THAT I SAW, HE HAD GIVEN THE SKY ELEMENT TO OUR ENEMY
THEN AFTER THAT PRIEST RECEIVED IT, HE STRAIGHT-AWAY DISAP-PEARED
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
YOU ASKED ME TO BELIEVE IT?
I JUST ...

I DON T KNOW WHAT REPORT HE GAVE YOU
HOW CAN SOMEONE WITH A POWER LIKE HIM, GAVE THAT ELEMENT SO EASILY.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
... FINE ... GO AWAY!
...
ALRIGHT... EXCUSE ME.
YOUR NAME IS KOKI, ISN'T IT?
IF IT'S NECESSARY, I'LL CALL YOU.

VERY WELL
I'LL SEE YOU THEN.
...

I DON'T BELIEVE ... IN ANY-THING... OR ANYONE.
BUT WHY...
I INDEED ONLY TRUST IN MY-SELF
HU.. HU... HU...
WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK, ENG...?

HE IS THE FOOLISH ONE!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MADE IT SO. WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
VERY EASY TO BE INFLU-ENCED.
HEE HEE ...
HUMAN'S TRUST TO ONE ANOTHER IS ONLY THAT MUCH.

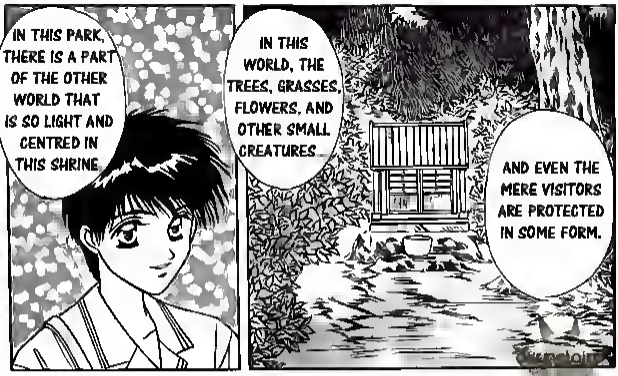
THEN... HOW IS YOUR NEXT PLAN?
I WILL CHANGE MY PLAN.
YOUR TARGET IS THE FAMILY OF THE AKITSU PRIEST, ISN'T IT?
YES...
ISN'T THE GUARDIAN STRONG?
I KNOW...
THAT'S WHY I CHOSE THAT MAN FROM THE KUNAI FAMILY.
SOMEONE WHOSE WILL TO LIVE AND EVERTHING HE HAS HAVE LOST.
HE IS A MERE PUPPET THAT CAN BE USED AS A TOOL.
BUT OF COURSE HE IS STILL VALUABLE.
WHY DID YOU ASK FOR HELP? IS YOUR POWER BENEATH THAT PRIEST?
IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU
HEE HEE... HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

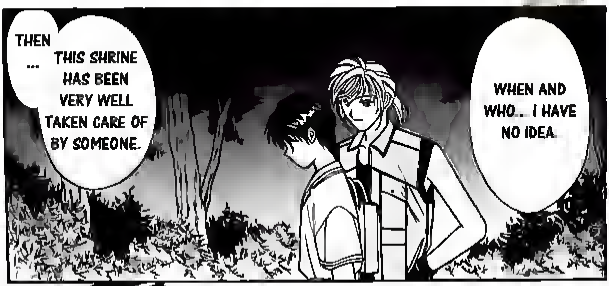
ALTHOUGH THEY ARE STRONG, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE WINNER IS THE ONE WHO GETS THAT FRUIT. AM I WRONG?
THAT'S ALL TRUE.
I'LL GIVE THE COMMAND AFTER THIS.
RIGHT.
BY THE WAY ...
I DIDN'T FEEL KEI-SETSU'S PRESENCE UNTIL NOW.
THAT'S THE THING... I'VE PREVENTED HIM, BUT HE STILL WENT AWAY...
OH WELL ...
WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?
HMM... MAYBE HE IS JUST RECK-LESS. BUT HE IS NOT FOOLISH.
THIS TIME, WE'LL JUST LET HIM BE.

WHEN HE COMES BACK, ASK HIM TO REPORT.
ALRIGHT.
OH... WE ARE SURELY LATE.
YEAH... BUT AT LEAST I MANAGED TO STUDY. PHEW.
WHAT IS IT, MAKOTO?
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?
NO, I'M NOT ...
I BRING THE TALISMAN ...

OH YES
YOU KNOW, THIS PARK IS RARELY VISITED BY PEOPLE.
OH
BUT IT IS LOCATED IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY.
WHY ...
WHAT WAS IT JUST NOW?
WHAT .?
JUST NOW...
IT'S ONLY A WHILE, BUT THE SURROUNDING AIR CHANGED.
IS IT ONLY MY FEELING?
BUT IT'S NOT AN OMEN ...
SHO ...

SHO ...
WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
JUST GO. COME!
OH...
LET'S GO HERE FOR A MINUTE.
WHAT IS IT?
A SHRINE
YES ... ARE YOU FEELING SOME-THING?
AAH
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS WAS WHERE I FELT THE FEELING JUST NOW.


IN THIS PARK, THERE IS A PART OF THE OTHER WORLD THAT IS SO LIGHT AND CENTRED IN THIS SHRINE.
IN THIS WORLD, THE TREES, GRASSES, FLOWERS, AND OTHER SMALL CREATURES...
AND EVEN THE MERE VISITORS ARE PROTECTED IN SOME FORM.


THEN ...
THIS SHRINE HAS BEEN VERY WELL TAKEN CARE OF BY SOMEONE.
WHEN AND WHO... I HAVE NO IDEA.

A PLACE LIKE THIS STILL EXISTS IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY.
I'M SO GLAD...
MAKOTO!
SHOI
WHAT?

WHAT SHO FELT JUST NOW... WAS THE FEELING WHEN SOMEONE CROSSES THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND THE OTHER WORLD.
OH... YEAH...
BUT I'VE NEVER FELT THIS BEFORE.
ALTHOUGH I OWN THE MOON WEAPON, I'VE NEVER FELT IT AS CLEARLY AS THAT OF JUST NOW
THAT'S RIGHT...
PERHAPS, SHO HAS OWNED THE ABILITY TO SEE THOSE KIND OF THINGS.
OH...
...
MAKO-TO?
SORRY...
HOW CAN I BE SO HAPPY ...
WHEN I KNOW THAT THE THINGS THAT I CAN SEE ARE NOT GOOD THINGS

YOU ...
I EVEN WANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THOSE THINGS.
JUST LIKE YOU
UM ...
SHO...
OKAY ...
LET'S GO HOME!

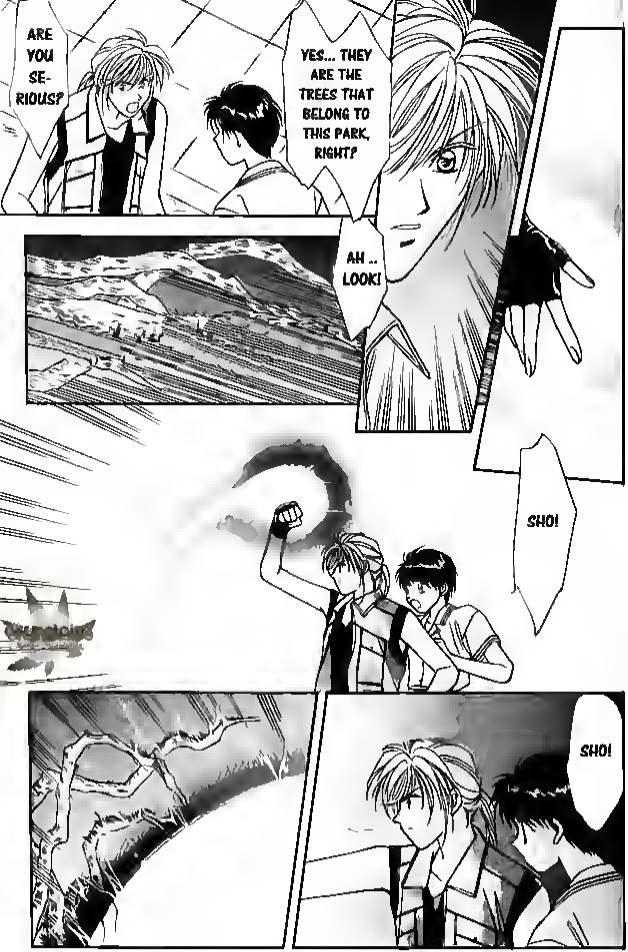
!?
THERE IS SUCH A GREAT ENERGY, AS IF IT IS GOING TO CLEAVE MY HEAD.
INDEED ...
YES ... AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD.
SHO... YOU FEEL IT TOO?
WHAT IS THIS STRONG STRANGE FEELING?
UGH ..

MAKO-TO!
WHAT IS THIS ..!?
WHAT!!
SHOI

UH
WHAT'S THAT..?
TREE... ROOTS ?!
THIS PLACE IS NOT SAFE.
WE HAVE TO MOVE TO A LARGER PLACE
YEAH ... TRUE.
CKK!
THEY'RE AFTER US!!

SHOII
UHH ...

I WON'T LEAVE ANYTHING! I'LL DESTROY EVERYTHING!
MAKOTO?!
IT'S OKAY.
MAKOTO?
WAIT A MINUTE, SHO!
DON'T ATTACK THEM AGAIN!
DON'T MAKE THEM SUFFER EVEN MORE!


ARE YOU SE-RIOUS?
YES... THEY ARE THE TREES THAT BELONG TO THIS PARK, RIGHT?
AH .. LOOK!
SHO!
SHO!

ANYWAY, I'VE WON IN THIS WORLD.
ACTUALLY, I'M NOT SO KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THIS KIND OFTHING.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?
SO ... WHEN SHO ATTACKED THEM JUST NOW...
I COULD FEEL THE FEELINGS OF THE TREES THAT YOU ATTACKED, EVERYTHING WAS IN MY HEAD.
THEY SAID, THEY ARE JUST BEING USED ... BY THE GREAT ENERGY BEFORE!
THEY ARE JUST FORCED TO DO IT!
EVEN SO... WE NEED TO DEFEND OURSELVES.
I KNOW!
SURE-LY... THERE'S A WAY TO EFFACE THAT ENERGY.
MA-KO-TO...

HU HU HU... YOU ARE INDEED KIND-HEARTED, PRIEST...
!
YOU ARE STILL WORRIED ABOUT THOSE TREES ALTHOUGH YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER.
WHO ARE YOU!?
HU HU .. I DON'T NEED TO SAY IT.
HOW CAN YOU ARBITRARILY WANDERING AROUND THIS HOLY PLACE!
BACK-STABBING!
LET'S FIGHT FACE-TO-FACE!
I WANT TO DO SO.
BUT IF I DO IT, I'LL BE BERATED BY MY MASTER.
SHOOT! NE IS MOCKING US!
SHO!
I JUST WANT TO GREET YOU.
IF YOU CAN PASS THIS ONE, I WON'T DO THIS AGAIN.
I PROMISE. HEE HEE ...

WELL... JUST KEEP ON WITH THAT SPIRIT.
...
HE IS LOOKING DOWN ON HUMAN!
THIS IS FAR TOO MUCH!
MA-KO-TO?
FORCING THEM TO OBEY HIM.
CONSI-DERING LIVING CREATURES AS A TOY!
POWER!
I WILL NOT LOSE!
THIS PEACEFUL PLACE, PLACE WHERE NATURE AND HUMANS ARE PRO-TECTED...
IS DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THAT CREATURE..!
THE POWER OF THE SHRINE!
NO!

IF YOU UNDERSTAND MY FEELING...!
IF YOU KNOW ...
I WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM!
GIVE ME YOUR POWER...!
MAKO-TO!
WHERE DOES THIS LIGHT COME FROM?

UH...
MAKO-TO!
AH... IT'S GETTING CHAOTIC HERE
HUH ..!?
MAKO-TO?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HMM ... HUMAN'S SPIRITUAL POWER IS INDEED STRONG, ISN'T IT?
YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED SURPRISING THINGS LIKE THIS, AREN'T YOU?
SHO ...
YOU SURELY KNOW THIS PERSON'S POWER, RIGHT?
WHAT? SO YOU ...?
MAKOTO IS BEING POSSESED AGAIN..?
I'M THE ONE LIVING IN THAT SHRINE.
I'VE BEEN CALLED OUT BY THIS PERSON'S WILL TO PROTECT THIS AREA.
THE SPIRIT OF THAT SHRINE..
...

I'M AGREE IF YOU EFFACE THAT EVIL POWER.
HAVE YOU KNOW HOW?
OF COURSE. I NEED YOUR HELP
AL-RIGHT ...
WHAT IS THIS ..!?
WIND ?

UH ...
WAH...
WHAT IS THIS . ? I'M FLYING..!?
THIS IS THE POWER OF THE SKY ELEMENT.
YOU DON'T KNOW!?
HOW CAN I KNOW? DON'T USE THAT POWER! IT'S MAKO-TO'S!
I KNOW.
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY. I'LL TRY TO MAKE MAKOTO NOT SO BURDENED
DON'T BE SO ARBITRARY! THE LONGER WE'RE HERE, THE MORE IS HIS BURDEN.
I'LL TRY ..?!
UNG ...
LOOK DOWN ...

UN-
DER-
STAND
?
THAT
LIGHT...?
SURROUNDING
THE PARK...
THE
OTHER
WORLD
...
YES... THAT
WORLD IS
STRONGER
THAN MY
WORLD.
THAT EVIL
POWER MOVES
ALL THE TREES
THERE.
TO ELIMINATE THE
INCANTATION OF THAT
POWER, WE NEED TO
DESTROY THE POWER
THAT CREATED IT.
THE
POWER
THAT
CREATED
IT?
YES...
YOU SEE, THAT
LIGHT CULMINATES
ON A POINT OF LIGHT.
THERE ARE FIVE, I
GUESS... THOSE ARE
THE SOURCE OF
THAT POWER.
SO..
I HAVE TO
DESTROY
IT?
YES
HOW?

THIS IS THE SIXTEENTH NIGHT.
THE RIGHT TIME TO FIGHT.
THE SIXTEENTH NIGHT?
SHO ... I WANT TO BORROW YOUR POWER.
Y... YES ...
RELEASE YOUR POWER... THE GREATEST ONE!

NOW!
RELEASE EVERY-THING!

THAT LIGHT ... DIS-AP-PEAR-ED!
WE DID IT!
GOOD FINALLY THAT LIGHT DIS-APPEARED SO, THAT POWER IS EFFACED

YOU HELPED ME...
YOU'RE WEL-COME ...
THANK YOU...

APPARENTLY, THE TWO OF YOU HAVE SUCH A BIG RESPONSIBILITY...
HUH! DAMN IT...
BECAUSE OF HIM, WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY.
NEVER MIND...
AT LEAST YOU HAD BEEN WILLING TO PROTECT THIS AREA.
I'M SORRY... TO INVOLVE YOU IN THIS.
YEAH...

I LIKE THIS AREA.
AS TIME GOES BY, ALTHOUGH THIS AREA CHANGES ...
IF LOVE IS STILL IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS, I WILL PROTECT THIS AREA FROM BEHIND THE SCENE
OH YEAH...
WHAT ARE YOU ACTUALLY ..?
HMM ...
HUH..
I'M OF THE SAME KIND AS YOUR ACQUAINT-ANCE.
EARTH GUARDIAN FOX...

IF THIS AREA GETS A PROBLEM, I WILL SURELY COME AND HELP AGAIN.
SEE YOU
...
OH . SO HE IS THE SAME KIND AS SOGETSU...
BUT BECAUSE OF HIM, WE ARE SAVED, AREN'T WE?
...
?
MAKO-TO?
EH..?
HEY... MAKO-TO?!
WOAH!
OUCH!
OI... MAKOTO..?

THE SIX-TEENTH NIGHT...
WHAT DID HE MEAN JUST NOW?
WELL... NEVER MIND... WHEN HE WAKES UP, THEN WE'LL GO HOME.
HUH...
HE'S ASLEEP ...

WE WILL GO
TO THE
LAND OF FIRE ELEMENT.

chapter 15 - END -

Return to Unrivaled World

Kanbe Akira

Translation : oxynclaire

Cleaning : oxynclaire

Typesetting : oxynclaire

QC : oxynclaire

RAW : Fathskie
(FathskieScans)

- READ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT -

chapter 16

The Moon on The Twentieth Night

ODORIKO SUPER TRAIN WITH DESTINATION TO SHIMODA, IZU, WILL BE DEPARTING SOON. ALL PASSENGERS...
WED-DING CERE-MONY?
HAD BEEN ASKED SO A LONG TIME AGO. HE COULDN'T REJECT IT.
THAT'S WHY HE CAN'T GO.
HMM... HOW CAN THERE BE SOMEONE ASKING HIM TO LEAD A WEDDING CERE-MONY?
SHO !
HIGYOKU

EH ... DON'T YOU KNOW THAT KOSUKE IS VERY FAMOUS IN THAT WORLD?
REAL-LY?
TOKO, WHERE ARE YOUR BELONGINGS?
EH...
YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM IN THE UPPER SHELF, DON'T YOU?
Y... YES.
OH...
THANK YOU, SHO ...
AH, IT'S JUST TOGETHER WITH MINE..
SHO IS NICE!
QUIET!

SO, IT REALLY TURNS OUT TO BE IZU, ISN'T IT?
WHAT?
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SAID IN THE LIBRARY?! THE NEXT ONE IS IZU ..
OH YES.
HOW... CAN YOU KNOW IT?
IS IT YOUR POWER AS WELL?
YEAH ... IT COULD BE.
I MYSELF DON'T KNOW.

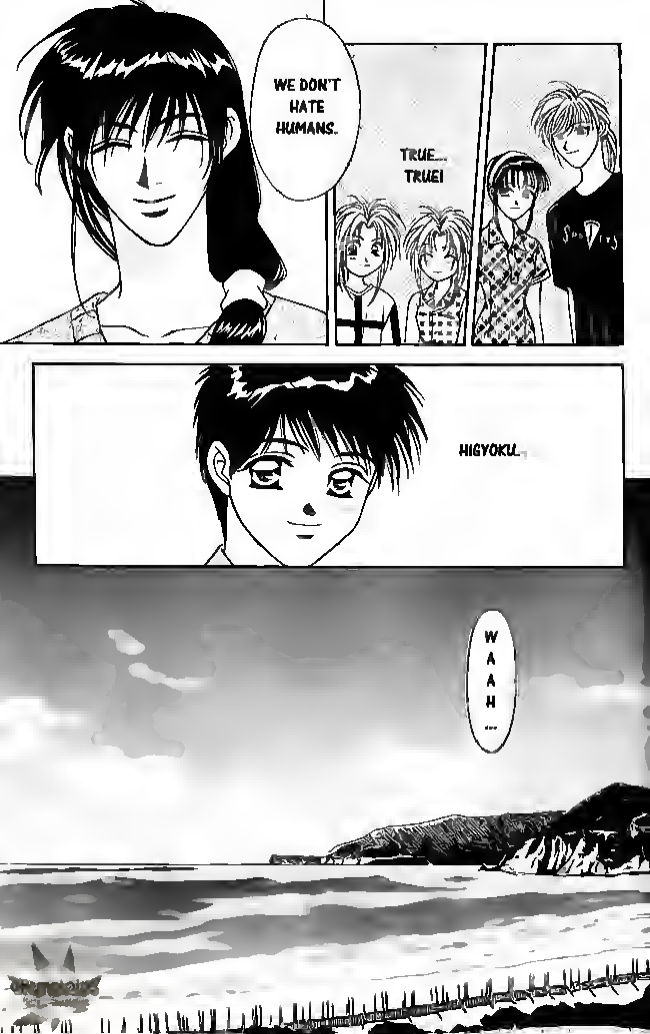
I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE OTHER POWERS BESIDES THE POWER IN MY BODY.
HMM
OH... LIKE THAT... I THOUGHT SIMPLY... AND ACCEPT IT.
SUDDENLY THERE WAS THE WORD 'IZU' IN MY HEAD.
THAT TIME...
SOMETIMES. .
LIKE A WAVE...
LIKE A WIND...

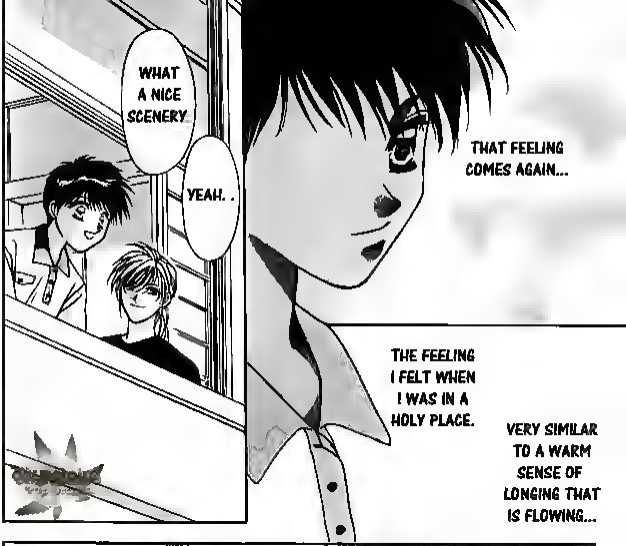
THERE IS A ROOT OF ANOTHER POWER IN ME.
THERE IS A FEAR...
FEAR BECAUSE OF HAVING A GREAT POWER.
MAKOTO?!
WHAT IS IT? YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL AGAIN, ARE YOU?
HUH..
HOWEVER... THE ANXIETY THAT I FEEL NOW HAS NO RELATION TO THAT FEAR.
AH NO... I WAS JUST DAYDREAMING A BIT.
OH REALLY?
DON'T OVER-EXERT YOURSELF, FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE BUSY.

I KNOW...
SHIMODA STATION, IZU
HMM ...
FROM HERE, WE GO BY BUS TO THE BEACH.
MAKOTO!
HUH?!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
JIN ... AND RAN?

WHY ARE THE TWO OF YOU HERE?
OH WELL ...
EVEN HIGYOKU IS HERE ...
YES...
WE HAD BEEN ASKED BY TENEI-SAMA TO CONTINUE TO ESCORT MAKOTO.
SO WE WANTED TO GREET YOU.
IS THAT SO?
YES ...
YOU LOOK LIKE A CARETAKER OF PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS, HI GYOKU...
I WANT TO MEET YOU, NO MATTER WHAT HAHA...
BUT WHY ...
DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS?

ACTUALLY I DON'T WANT, BUT...
IF I GO OUT TO A PUBLIC PLACE LIKE THIS, IT IS BETTER TO APPEAR AS A HUMAN FROM THE BEGINNING SO THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.
THAT'S TRUE... WITH THAT, WE ARE HELPED.
HAH?
BECAUSE, IF THEY COME NOT WITH HUMAN APPEARANCE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THEM.
OH— RIGHT.
OTHER THAN THAT ...
SOMETIMES LIVING AMONG HUMANS IS ALSO GOOD FOR ME.
HIGYO-KU.. HUH?


WE DON'T HATE HUMANS.
TRUE... TRUE!
HIGYOKU...
W A A H ...


WHAT A NICE SCENERY
YEAH. .
THAT FEELING COMES AGAIN...
THE FEELING I FELT WHEN I WAS IN A HOLY PLACE.
VERY SIMILAR TO A WARM SENSE OF LONGING THAT IS FLOWING...

SHO...
WHAT?
LET'S GO WALKING ALONG THE BEACH.
GO WALK-ING?

OKAY... WHY SO SUDDEN?
AH ... NO-THING IN PARTI-CULAR.
ONCE IN A WHILE, IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?

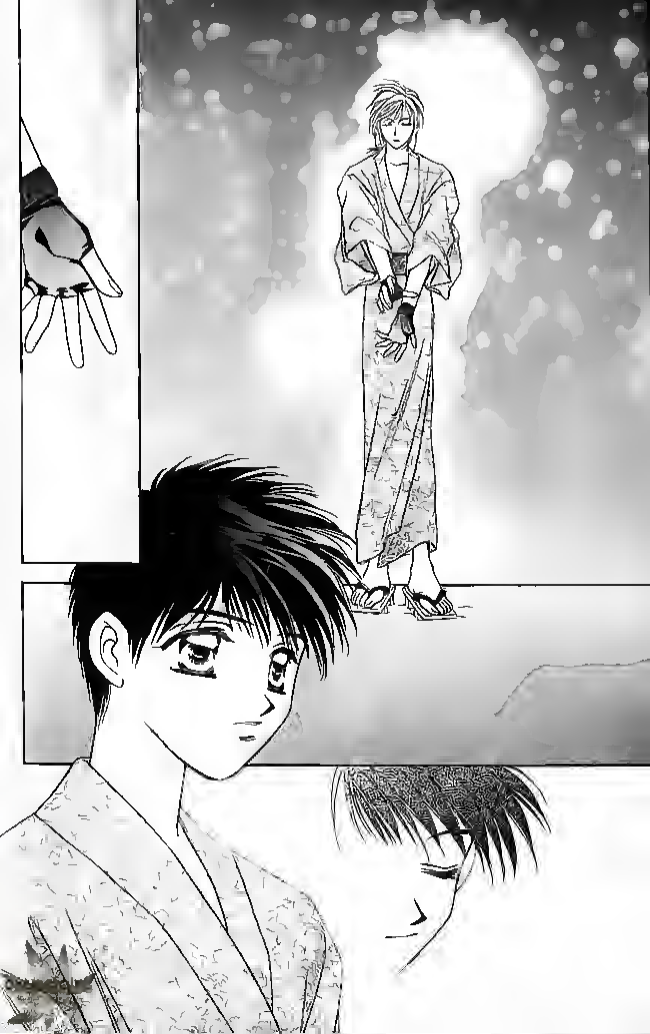
YEAH ... OF COURSE ... BUT WE SHOULD BATHE FIRST.
OKAY
THE WIND IS COOL.
TONIGHT IS COOL, ISN'T IT?
YEAH.
THE AIR IS CLEAN. YOU SHOULD WALK WITH TOKO RATHER THAN WITH ME, SHO
WHAT ?!
THESE DAYS YOU SEEM TO HAVE WEIRD THOUGHTS ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH TOKO, DON T YOU?
HEE HEE. BE CAUSE ..

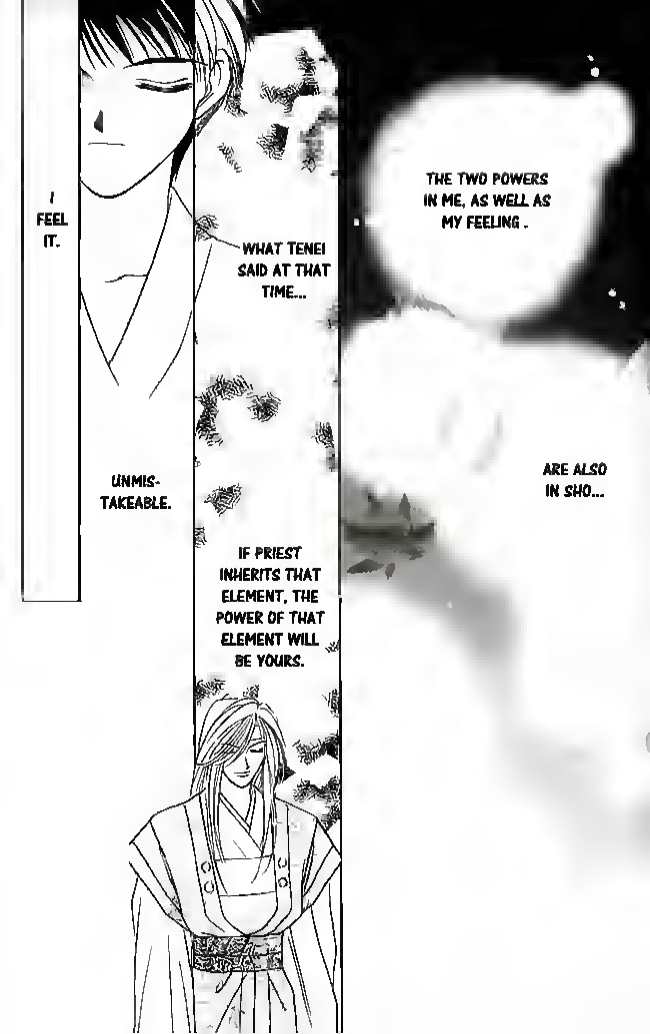
SHO WHO NORMALLY ALWAYS SO SERIOUS WHEN WITH OTHER PEOPLE,
IF WITH TOKO, LOOKS SO RELAXED.
IS THAT SO?
YEAH... TOKO NEVER DOES ANY-THING... SO I JUST LOOKED SO RELAXED.
THAT IS BECAUSE TOKO ALSO LOOKS SO RELAXED WHEN SHE IS WITH YOU
THIS IS ONLY MY GUESS, OKAY.
YOU ASKED ME TO GO WALK JUST TO TALK ABOUT THIS?
YEAH...
OW ...
MY FOOT HURTS, SAND GOES INTO MY CLOGS.
APPAREHT-LY IT'S QUITE HARD TO WALK ON SAND WEAR-ING CLOGS.
MAKO-TO..?

EH ..
YOU TAKE THEM OFF TOO, SHO
THE SAND IS COOL! IT'S NICE.
MAKOTO ..
SHO ..
YES?
I HAVE ONE REQUEST
WHAT IS IT? WHY ARE YOU SO WEIRD?
IN-DEED.

I WANT TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP, NOW.
WHAT? NOW HERE?
YES I WANT TO CHECK ON SOMETHING HERE.
HM.. OKAY.
I'M OKAY WITH IT...
WEARING THIS KIND OF ATTIRE?
OH!
SO .. SORRY... I... I DIDN'T REALISE IT
AH NEVER MIND... IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
LET'S TRY...
SHO..

I ALSO HAVE TO CHECK ON SOMETHING HERE.
SHO...?

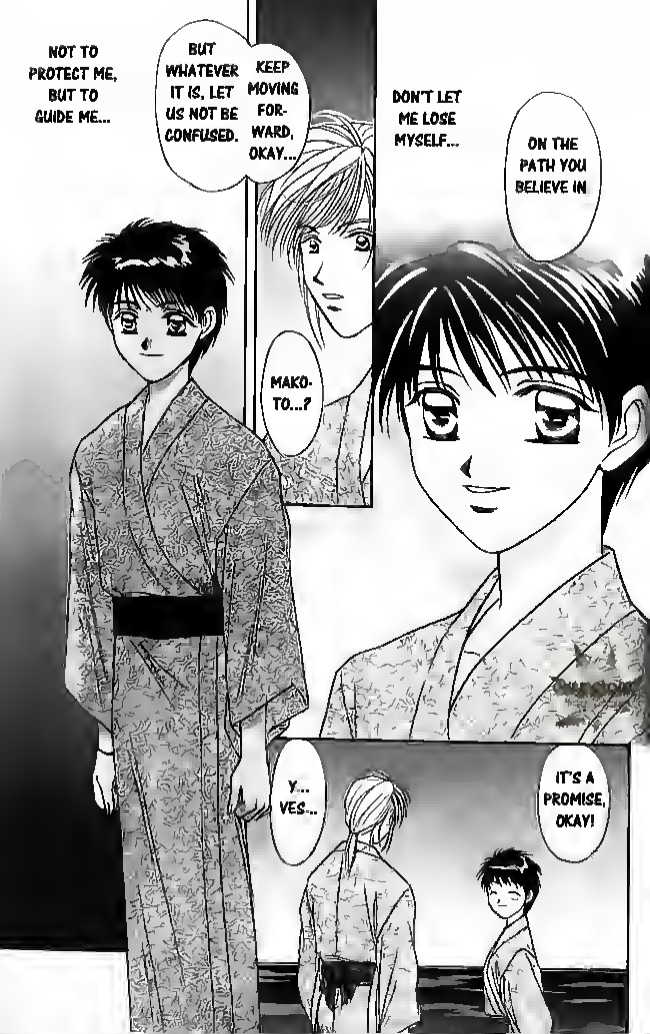



I FEEL IT.
UNMIS-TAKEABLE.
WHAT TENEI SAID AT THAT TIME...
IF PRIEST INHERITS THAT ELEMENT, THE POWER OF THAT ELEMENT WILL BE YOURS.
THE TWO POWERS IN ME, AS WELL AS MY FEELING .
ARE ALSO IN SHO...

I WANT TO ENSURE IT HERE. WITH HIM...
...
YES. .
I THINK SO...

SHO...
I'M SORRY... TO BOTHER YOU.
YES, THANKS ...
ENOUGH?
IT'S OKAY. . IT'S NOT TROUBLESOME AT ALL.
UHM ...
FOR ME ..
THE MEANING SHO'S POWER CAN BE UNDERSTOOD.

HE HAS THE SAME POWER OF THE ELEMENT AS ME.
AND HE HAS BEEN STRONGER THAN ME.
WHY? WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT MY FACE?
AH, NO-THING ...
WHAT IS IT?
OH YEAH . SHO...
WHAT?
THAT POWER IS SURELY...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN ...


NOT TO PROTECT ME, BUT TO GUIDE ME...
BUT WHATEVER IT IS, LET US NOT BE CONFUSED.
KEEP MOVING FORWARD, OKAY...
MAKOTO...?
DON'T LET ME LOSE MYSELF...
ON THE PATH YOU BELIEVE IN
Y... YES...
IT'S A PROMISE, OKAY!

YEAH, I PROMISE
IF YOU'VE BEEN SATISFIED, LET'S GO HOME. IT'S ALREADY LATE..
YES..
OH YEAH... WHERE ARE MY CLOGS...
..
I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE EARTH GUARDIAN FOX SAID...
IS THIS ONLY MY FEELING..?
ON THIS TWENTIETH NIGHT, MY POWER IS WEAKER THAN THAT ON THE SIXTEENTH NIGHT
WHY?!
ALL THIS TIME, IT HAS NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS.
SORRY, SHO... YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME
NEVER MIND... LET'S GO!

THE POWER THAT DEPENDS ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE MOON... HMM...
I DON'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT THIS...
BUT.. MAY-BE ALL OF THIS IS ONLY MY FEEL-ING..
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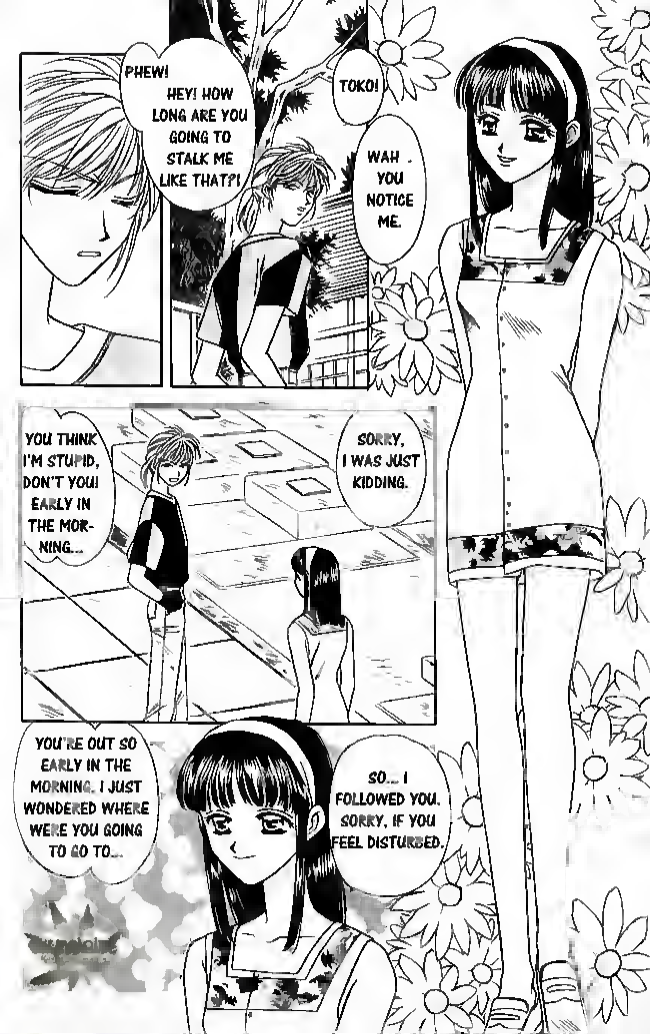

PHEW!
HEY! HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STALK ME LIKE THAT?!
TOKO!
WAH . YOU NOTICE ME.
YOU THINK I'M STUPID, DON'T YOU! EARLY IN THE MOR-NING...
SORRY, I WAS JUST KIDDING.
YOU'RE OUT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING. I JUST WONDERED WHERE WERE YOU GOING TO GO TO...
SO... I FOLLOWED YOU. SORRY, IF YOU FEEL DISTURBED.

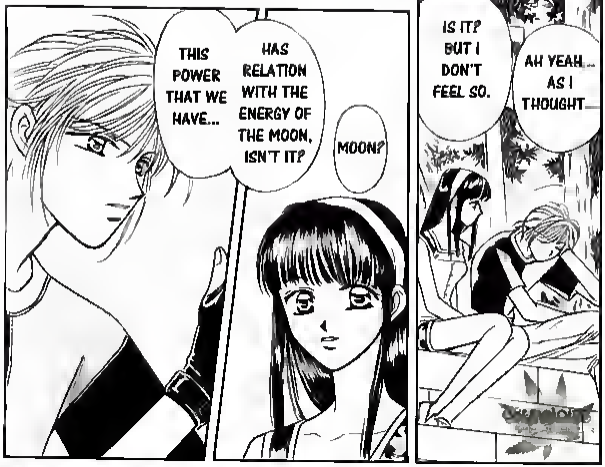
HUH!
YOU SEEM LIKE MY SUPER-VISOR.
INDEED, SINCE MAKOTO ASKED ME TO DO SO.
SO THAT YOU WON'T DO WEIRD THINGS.

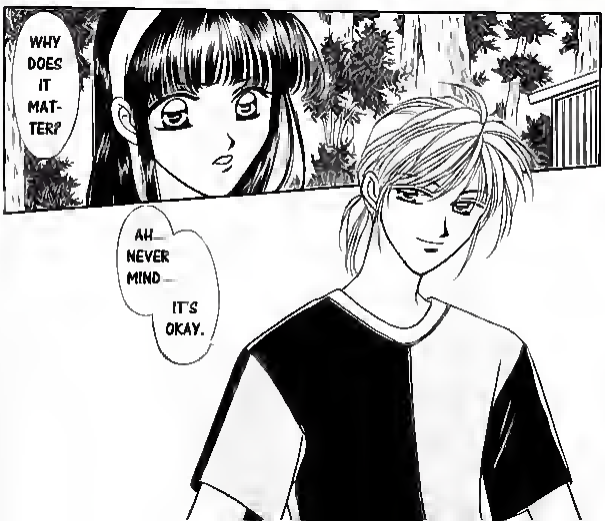
OK! THAT KID ..

WHEN WE ARE AT A SHRINE, SINCE OUR HEARTS ARE CLEAN.. IT FEELS NICE.
YEAH.

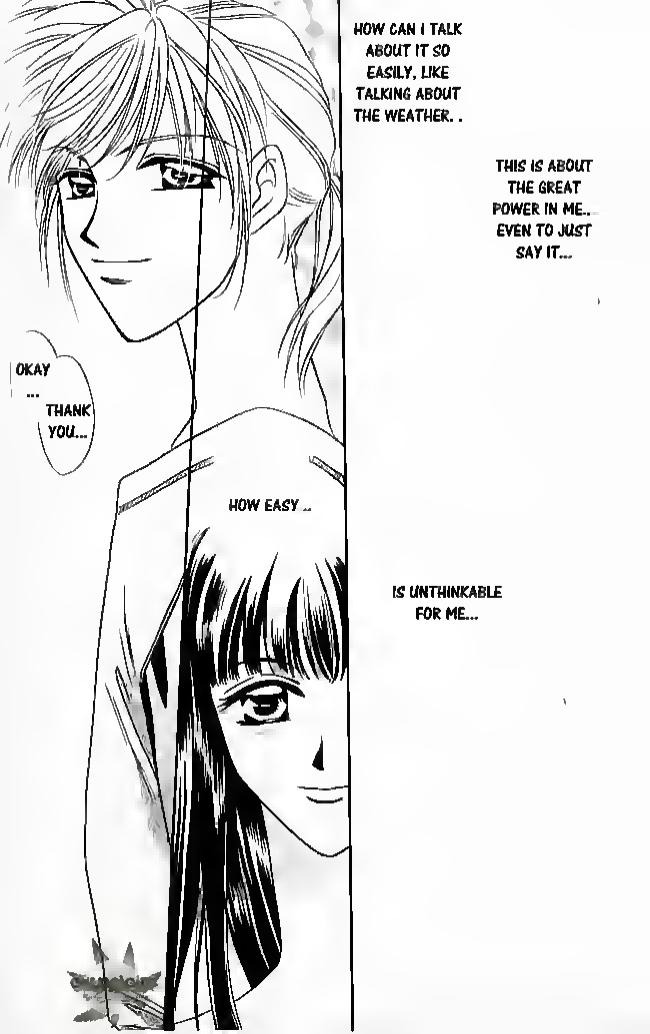
IS MAKOTO STILL ASLEEP?
MAYBE HE SLEPT LATE LAST NIGHT.
OH YEAH.

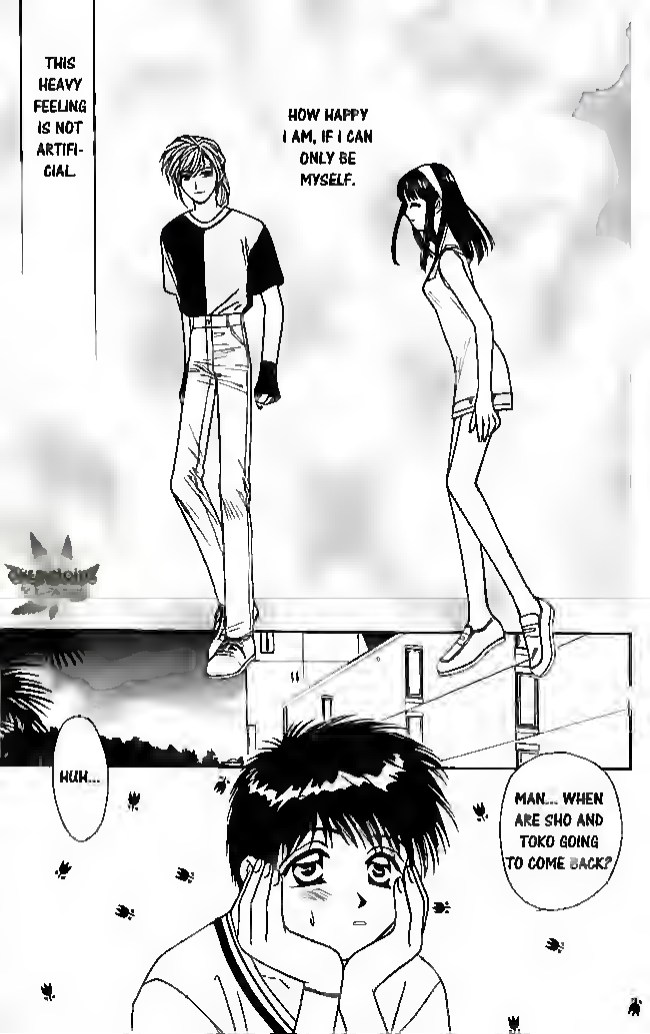
BY THE WAY, TOKO .


THIS POWER THAT WE HAVE...
HAS RELATION WITH THE ENERGY OF THE MOON, ISN'T IT?
MOON?
IS IT? BUT I DON'T FEEL SO.
AH YEAH... AS I THOUGHT...

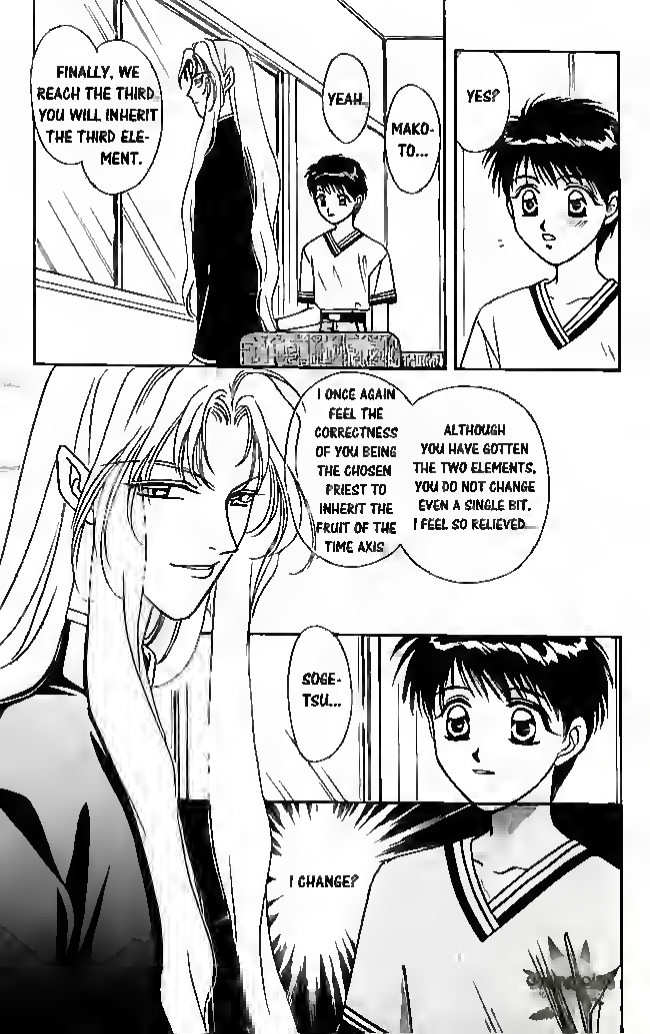

WHY DOES IT MATTER?
AH... NEVER MIND... IT'S OKAY.

HOOP MAYBE ... MAKOTO IS GOING TO WAKE UP SOON.
YEAH ...
LET'S GO BACK! THEN HAVE BREAK-FAST . I'M HUNGRY...
SHO..!
WHAT?
IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT I CAN HELP, YOU HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH ME!
TOKO .

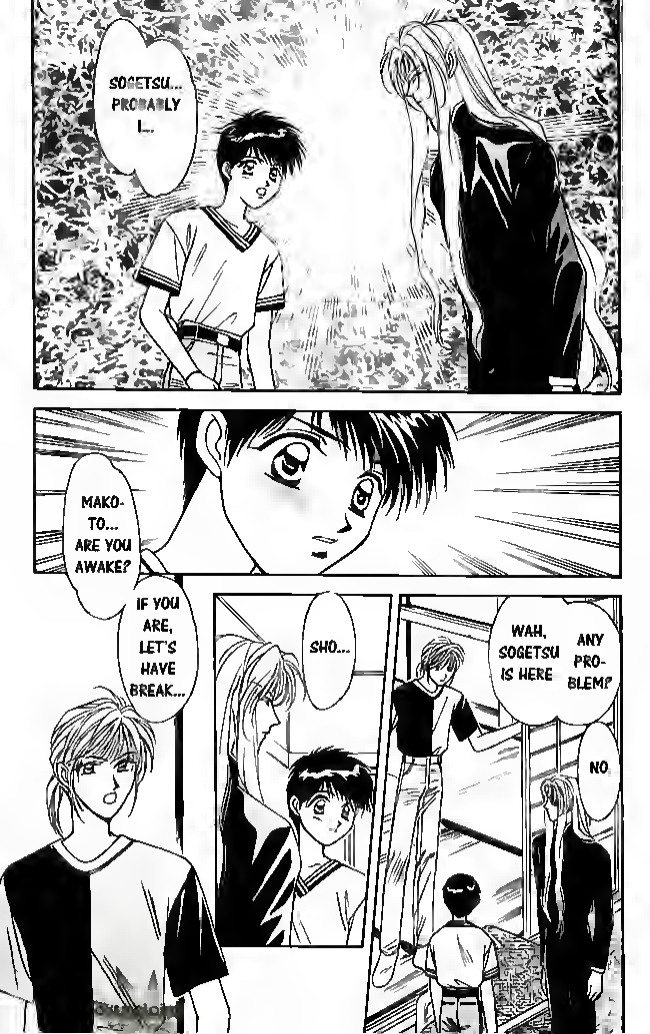

HOW CAN I TALK ABOUT IT SO EASILY, LIKE TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER. .
THIS IS ABOUT THE GREAT POWER IN ME.. EVEN TO JUST SAY IT...
OKAY ... THANK YOU...
HOW EASY ..
IS UNTHINKABLE FOR ME...


THIS HEAVY FEELING IS NOT ARTIFICIAL.
HOW HAPPY I AM, IF I CAN ONLY BE MYSELF.
HUH...
MAN... WHEN ARE SHO AND TOKO GOING TO COME BACK?

WHY ARE YOU SO GLUM?
SOGE-TSUI
YOU ARE GLUM BECAUSE YOU WERE LEFT ALONE, AREN'T YOU?
OH... NO, NOT BECAUSE OF THAT
IF I WAS LEFT ALONE, IT WAS MY FAULT SINCE I OVERSLEPT. ACTUALLY. . UM...
I'M A BIT HUNGRY... SO ..
IS IT WEIRD?
HMM. .


FINALLY, WE REACH THE THIRD. YOU WILL INHERIT THE THIRD ELEMENT.
YEAH.
MAKOTO...
YES?
I ONCE AGAIN FEEL THE CORRECTNESS OF YOU BEING THE CHOSEN PRIEST TO INHERIT THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS.
ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE GOTTEN THE TWO ELEMENTS, YOU DO NOT CHANGE EVEN A SINGLE BIT. I FEEL SO RELIEVED.
SOGETSU...
I CHANGE?

OH...
AM I SO?
SO THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WORRYING FOR SO LONG.
NOT ONLY THE FEAR TOWARDS THAT FRUIT...
BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE POWER OF THAT FRUIT IS IN ME...
I MAY CHANGE INTO SOMETHING ELSE.
IS IT TRUE?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WORRYING...
DO I REALLY NOT CHANGE?
MAKO-TO..?


SOGETSU... PROBABLY I...
MAKO-TO... ARE YOU AWAKE?
IF YOU ARE, LET'S HAVE BREAK...
SHO...
WAH, SOGETSU IS HERE
ANY PRO-BLEM?
NO

YOU STILL HAVE TIME UNTIL OUR ACTIVITY THIS EVENING
SO TAKE YOUR TIME.
YES..
MAKOTO?
IT'S TRUE...
NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
LET'S EAT FIRST
I'M REALLY HUNGRY
OH, YEAH... OKAY—
C'MON! QUICK, QUICK!
OW— OKAY.. DON'T PUSH ME, PLEASE...
MAKOTO...

MAKO-
TO...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I READ IT'S STILL THE SAME.
ALL OF THIS CAN'T BE ACHIEVED BY USING THE POWER FROM THE HUMAN WORLD.
I DON'T LIKE THIS. BUT ANYHOW, I MUST USE THAT WOMAN'S POWER.
DAMN! IF ONLY THAT FOOL COMES BACK FAST!
NOW EVERY-THING SEEMS CHAO-TIC
!
MASTER TSUKASA...
IT'S YOU, ENG?!

WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOURSELF?!
I APOLOGISE, MASTER.
I HAD BEEN TRAPPED BY SOMEONE IN THE OTHER WORLD AND UNABLE TO COME OUT FROM HERE.
WHAT? THEY DID IT?
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS DEFINITE NOW IS THAT EVEN TALKING TO YOU REQUIRES A LOT OF EFFORT.
TO COME OUT FROM HERE, I NEED SOME MORE TIME...
ANYWAY.. IT IS SAID THAT YOU FAILED TO GET THE SKY ELEMENT?
MASTER TSUKASA. ? HOW DO YOU KNOW?
IT'S TRUE. MAS-TER..
HUH! SILLY! HOW COME YOU CAN'T COME OUT FROM THERE?!
YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK! NOW THE TARGET IS THE THIRD ELEMENT!
IF THERE IS ANYONE OTHER THAN I AND THEY WHO ARE TRYING TO GET THAT FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS, WE CAN'T JUST TAKE IT EASY.

MASTER TSUKASA...
ACTUALLY IT IS HARD TO SAY THIS TO YOU . BUT...
WHAT IS THAT?
IT IS BETTER IF YOU STOP CHASING THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THE POWER FROM THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS WILL ENDANGER YOUR LIFE.
I KNOW IT FROM WHAT I HAD EXPERIENCED.
THAT POWER IS REALLY GREAT, BUT IT CANNOT REPLACE YOUR LIFE IF YOUR LIFE IS LOST.
W— WHAT?!
ENG ..

MASTER TSUKASA...
I WANT TO REMIND YOU...
DON'T BELIEVE HIM TOO MUCH.
HE WAS THE GUARDIAN OF THAT FRUIT.
IT'S THE SAME AS IF YOU SURRENDER YOUR OWN NECK.
WHY..?
WHEN I SAID I NEED POWER TO RESTORE THE HONOUR OF THE KUNAI FAMILY... YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS
WHY..?

AND NOW SUDDENLY ..
I AM RESIGNED TO FACE YOUR ANGER...
BUT.. I...
IT'S OKAY ...
MASTER TSUKASA..?
I UNDERSTAND ALL OF YOUR FEELINGS.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HELP ME, IT'S BETTER IF YOU NEVER COME BACK.
MASTER TSUKASA..? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT..?
I'VE ALREADY SAID IT!

I DON'T NEED YOUR POWER ANYMORE! AND I WILL SURELY GET THAT FRUIT!
DON'T EVER COME TO ME AGAIN!!
MASTER TSUKASA...
AND YOU...
ALTHOUGH I BELIEVED THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME..!

ALWAYS TOGETHER...
NOW WHAT IS LEFT ON ME IS ONLY THE NAME KUNAI...
EVEN SO...

I'VE BEEN STRUGGLING THIS FAR, I CAN'T GO BACK ANYMORE.
KOKII
KOKI, ARE YOU HERE?
YES!
I'M HERE.
HELP ME FROM NOW ON...
WILL YOU?
OF COURSE...
THANK YOU.

I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT THIS SHRINE IS THE ENTRANCE.
STARTING FROM NOW, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... I'M ON YOUR SIDE.
I WILL BE WORKING HARD.

SO_ THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE WORLD OF FIRE ..
FINALLY WE REACH THE THIRD WORLD
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The Island of Fire

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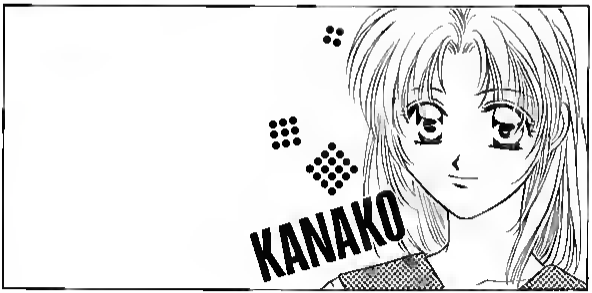
OH.. HEL-LO...
I'M KANAKO SAEKI... MAKOTO'S CLASSMATE. IS HE AT HOME?
... WHAT?... HE'S AWAY... OH... WELL ...
*beep
*beep
*beep
*beep


KANAKO

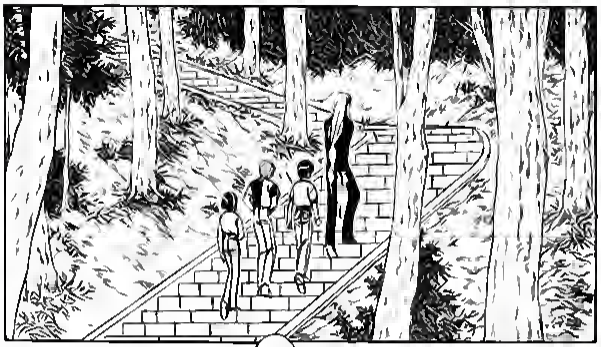
OH, NEVER MIND...
YES... THANK YOU.
*phew
HE'S NOT THERE...
UU-UH.. ANNOY-ING ..
EVEN THOUGH .. I'VE GATHERED ALL MY COURAGE...

I JUST WANT TO HEAR HIS VOICE...

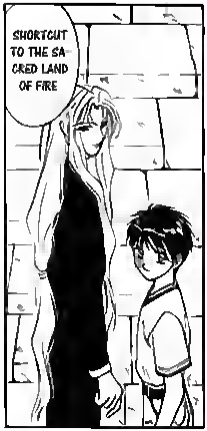
MAKOTO...

IS THE MAIN ROOM OF THE SHRINE THE ENTRANCE TO THAT WORLD?
NO. IT IS NOT HERE...
ON TOP THERE, THERE IS ANOTHER BUILDING.
MAKO-TO..?
THERE IS A TURNING ALLEY WHICH CONNECTS THE ENTRANCE TO THE SACRED LAND OF FIRE
HUH— SO YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM SOGETSU, HAVEN'T YOU?
MAKOTO...

SOGE-TSU..?
...
IS IT REALLY LIKE WHAT MAKOTO SAID?
THE ENTRANCE IS IN THE BUILDING ON TOP..
NO...
I JUST KNEW IT.
MAKO-TO..?



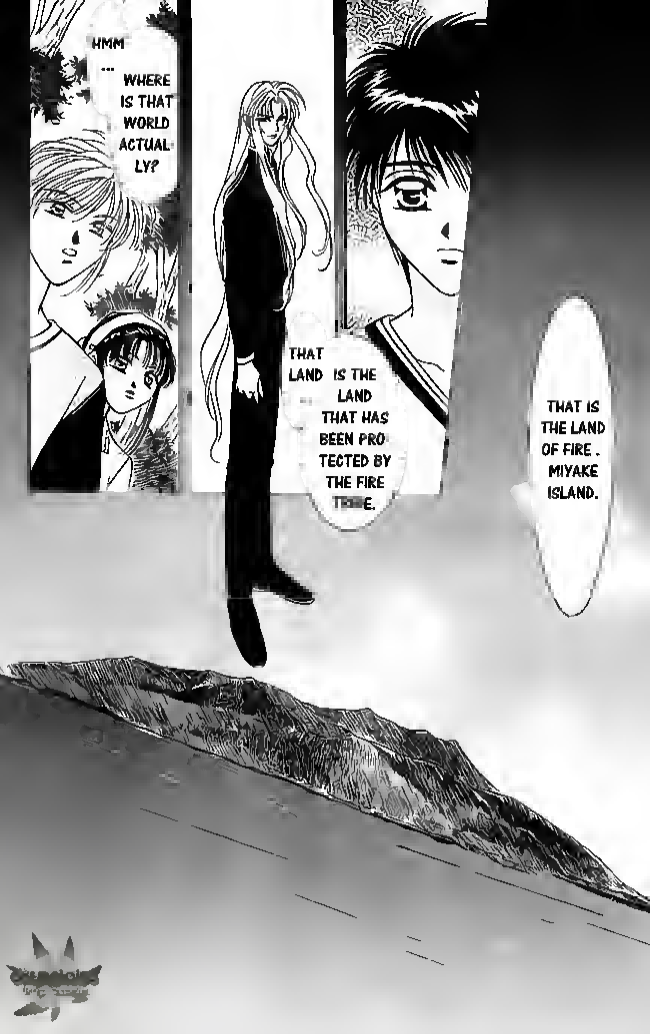
WAH...
IS THIS TURNING STAIR THE TURNING ALLEY THAT YOU SAID EARLIER, MAKOTO?


SHORTCUT TO THE SACRED LAND OF FIRE

SHORT-CUT..? THAT MEANS..

YES, THE SACRED LAND OF FIRE IS NOT HERE

IN THE BEGINNING, THIS SHRINE OF FIRE WAS IN THE OLD SACRED LAND.
HOW-EVER, IT WAS MOVED HERE BY HUMANS
ALTHOUGH IT WAS MOVED HUMANS CAN NEVER FORGET THEIR FEAR AND RESPECT TOWARDS THE FIRE
THEY WORSHIP THE FIRE BY CONDUCTING WORSHIP CEREMONY, HITACHIMATSURI THEY ACQUIRE THAT POWER OF FIRE CONTINUOUSLY
THAT IS THE POWER CONNECTING THE LONG TUNNEL TO THE LAND OF FIRE
WE CAN STRAIGHT-AWAY GO TO THE LAND OF FIRE FROM HERE.
IN THIS WAY, THAT POWER FLOWS STRONGLY WE CAN DIRECTLY MOVE TO THERE JUST IN A FRACTION OF A SECOND


HMM ...
WHERE IS THAT WORLD ACTUALLY?
THAT LAND IS THE LAND THAT HAS BEEN PROTECTED BY THE FIRE TRIBE.
THAT IS THE LAND OF FIRE. MIYAKE ISLAND.

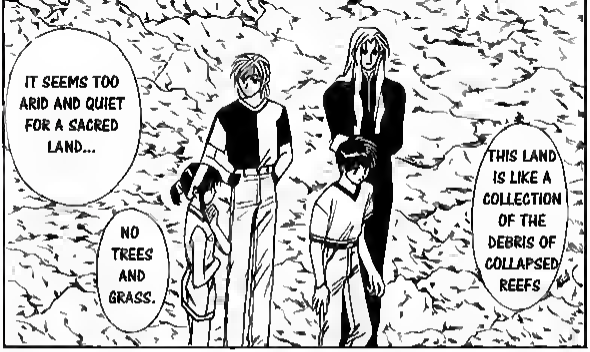
MIYAKE ISLAND ..?
IS IT THE PLACE OF FIRE ELEMENT?
YES .. THEY HAVE STARTED MOVING.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
IF SO... WHY ARE YOU SO CALM? WE MUST QUICKLY SEIZE IT!
PLEASE WAIT, MASTER TSUKASA...
THERE IS AN EASIER WAY TO SEIZE THE POWER OF THAT ELEMENT.
WHAT ?!

I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT THERE'S SUCH A WAY.
THERE IS SUCH A WAY AND IT IS TRUE!
IS IT TRUE?!
WITH THIS WAY, THE POWER OF THE TWO ELEMENTS THAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN WILL ALSO BE YOURS, MASTER TSUKASA.
IF WE PREPARE THE DEVIL FRUIT
OUR CLAN HAS AN EXPERTISE.
OUR CLAN..?

WHO IS THIS WOMAN ACTUALLY?
JUDGING FROM HER APPEARANCE, I THOUGHT SHE'S ONLY A SERVANT IN HER WORLD.
ARE YOU SURE?
OF COUR-SE.
I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL.
YEAH, RIGHT...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
EX-CUSE ME...
FINE... THEN IT'S UP TO YOU.

I WILL NEVER BELIEVE
IN ANYONE!

SO THIS IS IT...
THE SACRED LAND OF FIRE...


IT SEEMS TOO ARID AND QUIET FOR A SACRED LAND...
NO TREES AND GRASS.
THIS LAND IS LIKE A COLLECTION OF THE DEBRIS OF COLLAPSED REEFS

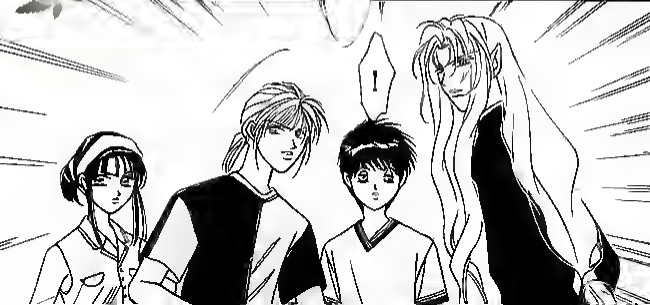
EVEN SO...
THIS IS A SPECIAL SACRED LAND. I FEEL THAT STRONG FEELING.

UNMISTAKABLY, THIS IS THAT LAND OF FIRE.
PLACE WHERE FIRE ELEMENT IS PROTECTED

ARE YOU OKAY, MAKOTO!
MAKO-TO..?
OH...
N, NEVER MIND.
I'M ALREADY HERE.
A POWER SURPASSING THAT OF A NORMAL HUMAN.
AND HERE I WILL GET THE THIRD POWER.

YET, WHY AM I STILL FEELING UNSURE..?
I'M OKAY. SOGE-TSU, LET'S MOVE ON.

MAKO-TO..!


SO YOU'RE HERE!
!

YOU'VE NEVER COME HERE AGAIN, SO I WAS LONELY!
ENKI!
STOP IT EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT US!
AAH...
I MISS YOU, SOGE-TSUUU ...
WOAH.

YOU ... EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE BECOME A TRIBE CHIEF...
WHY HAVE YOU NEVER CHANGE. ?
WELL, THAT'S BECAU-SE...
I DESPERATE-LY LIKE YOU, BUT YOU HAVE NEVER CARED ABOUT ME!
STOP ALL OF THAT!
WE ARE NOT COMING FOR FUN!
YOU HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THAT, HAVEN'T YOU?
YEAH
HMM YOU RE THAT GREAT PRIEST, AREN'T YOU?
Y... YES...

NGG ...
?
SO CUTE.!
WOAH!
WHAT'S WITH HER?
SO SORRY ...
ENKI ALWAYS LIKED CUTE AND BEAUTIFULTHINGS.
I REALLY LIKE YOU!
UM... UH...
BUT..
I CAN'T BRING THE CURRENT YOU TO THE SHRINE.
!

WHAT ...
I KNOW I CAN'T SUSPECT YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE THE REAL PRIEST WHO INHERITED THE POWER OF THE TWO ELE-MENTS...
BUT...
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T COME NEAR THE SHRINE WITH THAT FEELINGS OF DOUBT...
SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING..?!

I...
MAKO-TO...
I...
WHAT ..?
I'M SORRY...
PLEASE GIVE ME A LITTLE BIT MORE OF TIME.
KNOW THAT THERE ARE DOUBTS IN THIS HEART...
MAKO-TO..?
MAKOTO..?

WELL, LET'S GO BACK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD FIRST.
EVEN IF WE CONTINUE NOW, THE RESULT WILL NOT BE AS WHAT IS EXPECTED.
SOGETSU...
AS THE FIRE GUARDIAN, I ADMIT YOU AS A PRIEST. SO— PLEASE STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART FIRST.
ENKI—
YES...

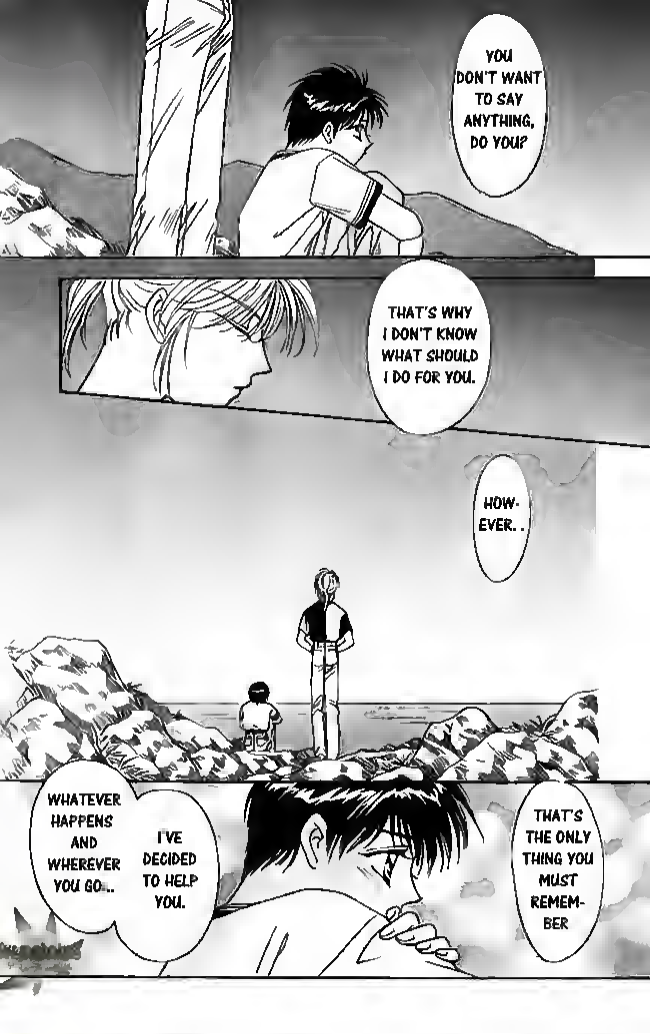
MAKO-
TO...
SOGE-
TSU..
IS YOUR DOUBT... RELATED TO WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO TELL ME THIS MORNING?
YES, IT IS...

LET'S SAY...
IF I INHERIT ALL OF THE POWER OF THE ELEMENTS...
I...
BUT ...
SINCE I GOT THOSE TWO ELEMENTS ...
CAN I CONTINUE TO LIVE AS A HUMAN?
I STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THAT POWER.
INDEED I HAVE DECIDED TO OVERCOME THE FEAR FOR HAVING THAT GREAT POWER

THE POWER OF THOSE ELEMENTS IS THE POWER OF THE WHOLE NATURE
THE POWER OF THE WHOLE NATURE IS IN MY HAND. THIS HAS ALREADY SURPASSING THE LEVEL OF A HUMAN!
AM I WRONG, SOGE-TSU?
I...
WRONG...
PLEASE SAY THAT IT'S ALL WRONG!
I WANT TO STAY AS A HUMAN, ALTHOUGH I HAVE THAT POWER—

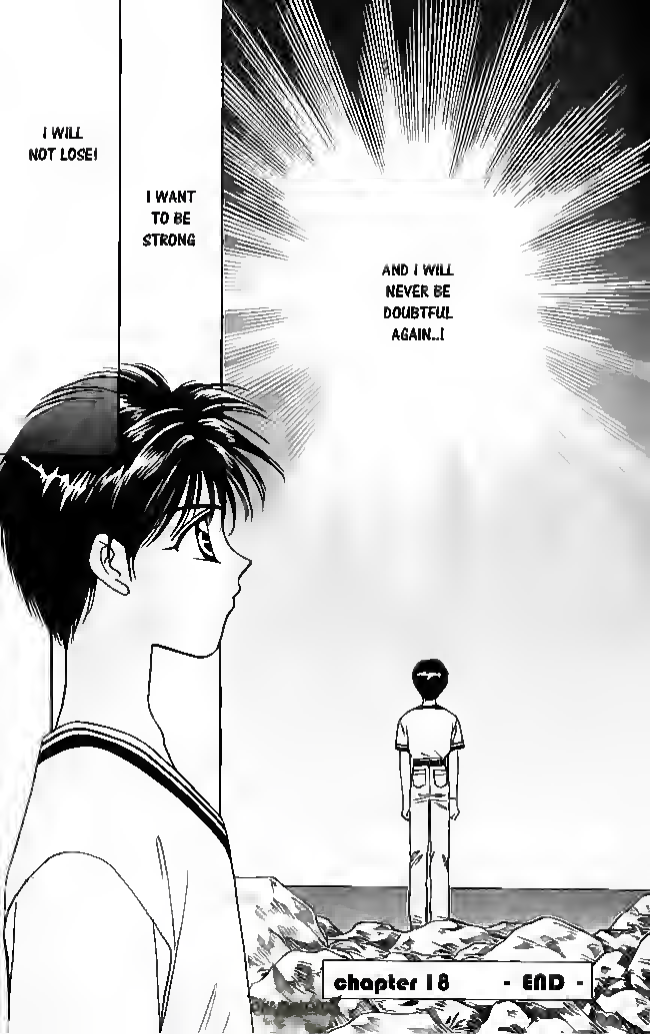
YOU MAY... HATE ME...
I KNOW THAT MAYBE YOU WILL BE THE VICTIM OF ALL THIS... BUT I HAVE NO OTHER WAY...
LEAVE ME ALONE...
AL-RIGHT.

SLY, AREN'T YOU... SOGETSU.


YOU DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING, DO YOU?
THAT'S WHY I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR YOU.
HOW-EVER. .
WHATEVER HAPPENS AND WHEREVER YOU GO...
I'VE DECIDED TO HELP YOU.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU MUST REMEM-BER

SEA BREEZE ISN'T GOOD FOR HEALTH, BETTER TO GO BACK IF YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.
SHO...
THANK YOU...
I WILL NEVER FORGET IT.

WHY AM I HERE?
WHY DID I DECIDE TO INHERIT THAT POWER?
DON'T FORGET...
THE ONE WHO HOPED FOR THAT POWER WAS ME.
IT'S ALL TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE I LOVE.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME..


I WILL NOT LOSE!
I WANT TO BE STRONG
AND I WILL NEVER BE DOUBTFUL AGAIN..!
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chapter 19

The First Trial

KANA... I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW.
PICK UP THE PHONE, PLEASE.
OKAY, MOM...
YES, HELLO, SAEKI FAMILY HERE
HELLO... I'M MAKOTO AKITSU, IS KANAKO AT HOME?
WHAT...?
OH GOSH..!

ENKI

YES, IT'S ...
IT'S ME.
YOU'RE NOT BUSY?
NOT AT ALL. YOU'VE COME BACK, HAVEN'T YOU?
IMPOS-SIBLE!
I GUESS THIS IS A DREAM...
NO, I HAVEN'T. I'M STILL AWAY... EH, HOW DO YOU KNOW?
OH... YES-TERDAY I CALLED YOU AND YOUR MOM SAID..
WHAT?
WELL ... YOU KNOW THAT I CALLED YOU, SO...
NO... I HAVEN'T CALLED MY HOME YET.
SO, THAT'S IT... WHAT A COINCIDENCE...
MAKOTO...?

IS THIS ONLY MY FEELING..? MAKOTO IS A BIT DIFFERENT TODAY...
MAKOTO... WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IT'S NOTHING... WHY DO YOU ASK?
WELL ... I THOUGHT IT'S BETTER IF I CALL YOU.
OH... NOW HOW...
OH YES
THE BOOK ABOUT THE UNIVERSE THAT I PROMISED WHEN I MET YOU.. I'LL BRING IT ON THE FIFTEENTH, OKAY?
ALTHOUGH THERE IS SO MUCH DISTANCE BETWEEN US...
OKAY.. RIGHT..
KANAKO KNEW MY VOICE CHANGED DIRECTLY...

OH SO SORRY... MY PHONE CARD IS ALMOST FINISH-ED...
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.
I'M STILL YOUNG.
WHEN I WANT TO HEAR SOMEONE'S VOICE...
I SUDDENLY CALLED HER HOME...

AND... SHE WHO IS SUPPOSEDLY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ME...
APPARENTLY GIVES ME LOTS OF SUPPORT.
IT'S QUITE WEIRD.
SHE ALWAYS GIVES ME STRENGTH
YOUNG MASTER... YOU'VE BEEN SMILING FOR QUITE A WHILE...
S..
SHO..!
Y... YOU'VE BEEN EAVES-DROPPING, HAVEN'T YOU?

IMPOSSIBLE! I DON'T HAVE SUCH A BAD HOBBY.
I JUST HEARD IT SUDDENLY.
I'M ONLY JOKING... I DIDN'T HEAR A THING.
WAHI

HUH... ANNOYING! YOU'RE BULLYING ME AGAIN!
UHM... I'M SORRY
SHO...?

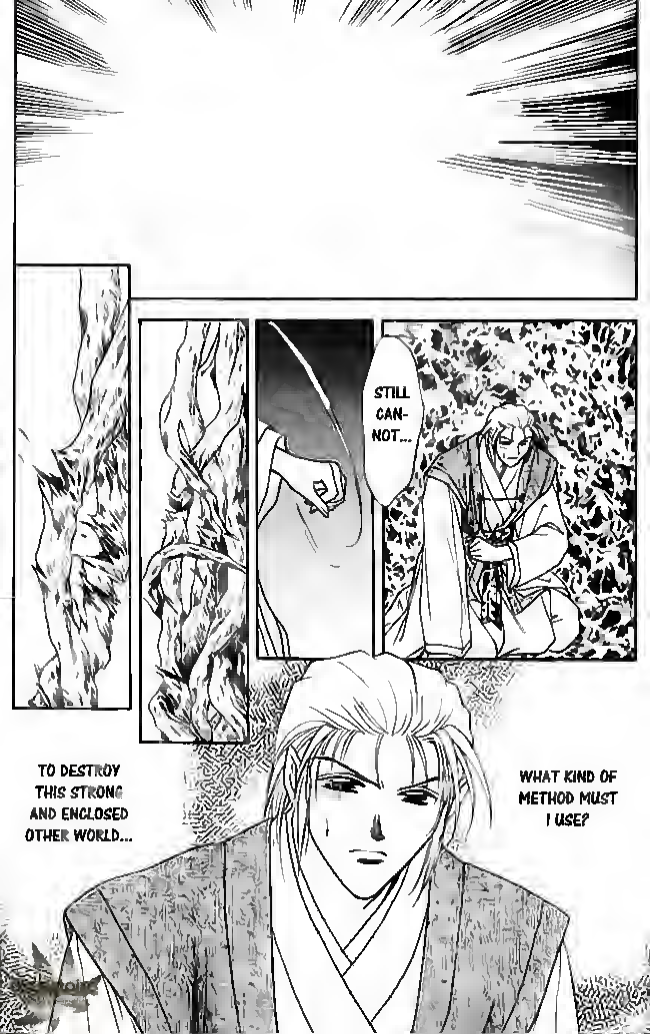
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER, AREN'T YOU?
SHO...
YEAH ...
I'LL TRY IT.
HOW COULD I TELL YOU TO NOT BE DOUBTFUL .
WHEN I'M THE DOUBTFUL ONE. . WHAT A REAL COWARD.
BUT .. THE CURRENT ME IS BETTER.

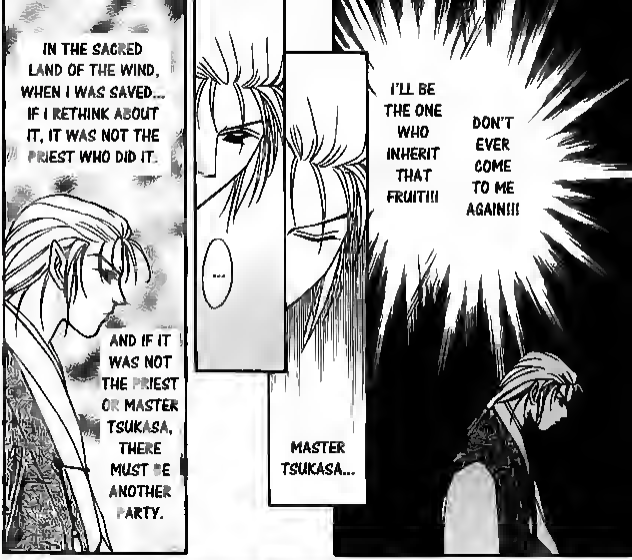
VERY WELL ...
DON'T YOU COME HERE TO TELL ME SOMETHING?
OH RIGHT... TOKO SAID, THE FOOD IS READY. I WAS ASKED TO CALL YOU
HMM.
WHAT?!
YOU OUGHT TO CALL HER WITH A SPECIAL NICKNAME... IT IS REALLY NOT LIKE YOU, SHO..
W?
WHAAATT!?
IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO ADVISE ME, YOU KNOW!
SORRY...
I'M JUST RETALIATING.
MAN! QUICKLY GO TO THE DINING ROOM!
OKAY!
SEEMS LIKE I OVERDID IT, DIDN'T I?

SOGE-TSU... PLEASE TELL ME ONE THING.
WILL SHO WHO RECEIVE THE SAME POWER OF THE ELEMENT AS ME.
BE THE SAME AS ME?
NO, HE WILL NOT
SHO IS ONLY DOING HIS DUTY. HE WILL NEVER BE AFFECTED BY ANYTHING
HE IS SAFE.

SO THAT'S IT...
THANK GOOD-NESS
WITH THAT, I'M CONVINCED.
WHAT I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR IS..

THAT DAD, MOM, ALL OF MY FRIENDS, AND...
EVERYONE WHO ALWAYS HELP ME...
I AM CONVINCED TO INHERIT THAT ELEMENT.
HOPEFULLY. .
EVEN IF IT IS JUST A LITTLE BIT, WILL ALWAYS BE JOYFUL...
FOR THAT, I WILL DO AS BEST AS I CAN.
THIS IS THE PATH I'VE CHOSEN


STILL CAN-NOT...
TO DESTROY THIS STRONG AND ENCLOSED OTHER WORLD...
WHAT KIND OF METHOD MUST I USE?


IN THE SACRED LAND OF THE WIND, WHEN I WAS SAVED... IF I RETHINK ABOUT IT, IT WAS NOT THE PRIEST WHO DID IT.
AND IF IT WAS NOT THE PRIEST OR MASTER TSUKASA, THERE MUST BE ANOTHER PARTY.
...
MASTER TSUKASA...
I'LL BE THE ONE WHO INHERIT THAT FRUIT!!!
DON'T EVER COME TO ME AGAIN!!!

ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN RUDE TO ME, MY INTENTION WILL NEVER CHANGE!
EVEN IF MY LIFE IS AT STAKE, I WILL PROTECT MASTER TSUKASA AT ALL COSTS...

IT IS ALL...
BECAUSE I HAVE THROWN MYSELF TO HIM, JUST LIKE I THREW MY TRIBE...
AND FOR MASTER TSUKASA WHO HAD GIVEN ME NAME AND A NEW LIFE...
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT I CAN DO...
THAT IS...

THE OBLIGATION THAT MUST BE FULFILLED BY A GUARDIAN LIKE ME...
MY LAST POWER...

APPARENTLY HE MANAGED TO DESTROY THE WALL OF THAT WORLD.
EVEN THOUGH HE ONLY HAS THE POWER AS A MOUNTAIN PRIEST. TERRIFIC!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO HIM?
WE FOLLOW HIM AND CONFINE HIM AGAIN?
NEVER MIND!
HE IS NO LONGER RELIABLE NOW.
THOUGH HE MAKES ANY REASONS, HE WILL NEVER DISTURB US AGAIN.
WELL...
ALRIGHT THEN,,,
AND LATER ON—AT THE SACRED LAND OF FIRE, DURING THE INHERITANCE OF THE THIRD ELEMENT—EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER.
HAHA-HA... EVERYTHING IS ACCORDING TO OUR PLAN.

WE WILL GET THE PRIEST AS WELL AS HIS THREE POWERS, AND SO DO THE OTHER TWO ELEMENTS. THIS PEACEFUL WORLD WILL BE OURS!
YES!
YOU MAY WITNESS ...
THOSE HUMANS WHO ARE COLONISING US...
ALL OF THEM WILL GET THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR DOINGS ...

I WILL ELIMINATE THEM FROM THIS WORLD!
WITH MY OWN HANDS!

WHAT A STRONG WIND IT IS...
UNCLE...
SO YOUR JOB IS DONE?
LONG TIME AGO
ALTHOUGH I LOOKED LIKE THIS, I'M A SOCIAL PERSON WHO LIKES TO WORK
OH IS THAT SO..
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
WHY ARE YOU FROWNING LIKE THAT?
MAKOTO IS SLEEPING, SO YOU'RE FREE, AREN'T YOU? THEN LET'S PRACTISE!

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD
AND YOU SURELY CANNOT DEFEAT THE CURRENT ME.
SEEMS LIKE...
YOU'RE STILL WORRYING ABOUT HIS POWER, RIGHT...?
YOUR STRENGTH WILL COME BACK LATER DURING THE FULL MOON, WON'T IT?
ABOUT THAT... I ALREADY KNEW IT.
WHAT I'VE BEEN WORRYING IS... WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE NEW MOON.
THEY...
DIDN'T SHOW ANY ACTIVITY IN THE SACRED LAND OF FIRE.
I'M GETTING REALLY WORRIED.

IF...
THEY'RE REALLY PLANNING TO ATTACK AT THAT TIME...
OH... SO THAT'S YOUR INTENTION OF ASKING ME TO CONFER WITH YOU?
YEAH, THIS IS...
BECAUSE OF SOGETSU... HE SAID, NO MATTER WHAT, THIS IS FOR MAKOTO.
IT'S OKAY ...
I LIKE IT, BECAUSE IT MEANS MY HELP IS STILL NEEDED.
BUT, I...
AH! NEVER MIND..
BUT ACTUALLY, WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW IS NOT ONLY ABOUT THAT MYSTERIOUS THING, IS IT?
WHAT ..?

YOU FEEL A BIT PEEVED BECAUSE MAKOTO SURPASSES YOU...
HE BECOMES DIFFERENT AS COMPARED TO HIM HALF A MONTH AGO.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT HIS EYES SIGNIFY THAT HE DOES CHANGE.
AND ACCORDING TO MY EXPERIENCE, THOSE KIND OF EYES SIGNIFY THAT HE BECOMES STRONG.
NOT IN MIGHT, BUT IN DETERMI-NATION ...
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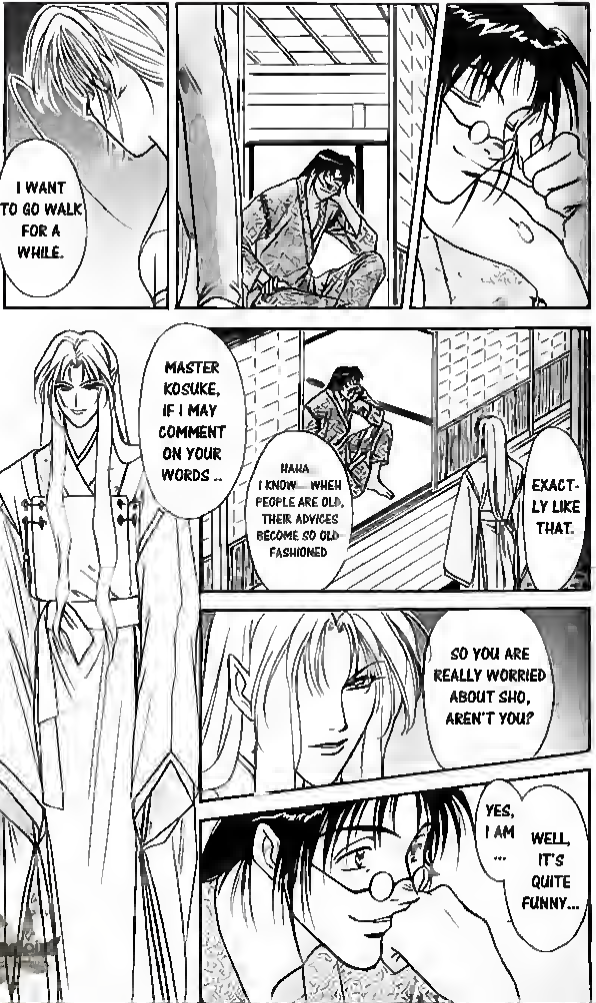

I WANT TO GO WALK FOR A WHILE.
EXACT-LY LIKE THAT.
HAHA I KNOW... WHEN PEOPLE ARE OLD, THEIR ADVICES BECOME SO OLD FASHIONED
MASTER KOSUKE, IF I MAY COMMENT ON YOUR WORDS ..
SO YOU ARE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT SHO, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, IT'S QUITE FUNNY...
YES, I AM ...

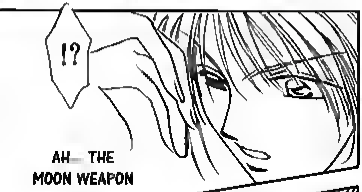
ALL OF THE BAD IN HIM...
IS THE LEGACY OF ALL OF THE BAD IN ME...
WELL... BUT BECAUSE OF THAT, MY LIFE WON'T JUST GO TO WASTE...
MAS-TER KOSU-KE...

EVEN IF MY GLOVE IS REMOVED, ONLY THIS AMOUNT IS RELEASED.
MY POWER SEEMS LIKE BEING LODGED SOMEWHERE.
AND I FEEL I CAN'T FOCUS IT.

SHO...
IT'S YOU...
...
YOU SURELY KNOW ...
THE REASON WHY MY POWER WEAKENS, DON'T YOU?
THE POWER IN OUR WORLD IS INDEED AFFECTED BY THE MOON, WHETHER IT IS FULL MOON OR NOT.
WHEN THE FULL MOON COMES, YOUR POWER WILL BE FULL... BUT WHEN IT DOES NOT, YOUR POWER WILL WEAKEN.

THAT IS THE PROBLEM.
MAKOTO HAS NOT GOTTEN ALL POWER OF THE ELEMENTS, HAS HE?
BESIDES THAT...?
THE INFLUENCE OF THE MOON IS VERY GREAT, BESIDES THAT...
THE POWER OF THE FRUIT OF THE TIME AXIS IS THE POWER OF THE WHOLE NATURE.
THE POWER THAT IS SUPPOSEDLY YOURS GETS TAKEN BY HIM.
CAUSING YOU WHO HAVE THE SAME POWER AS HIM GET AFFECTED.
!
SO THIS IS IT...
THAT'S WHY I FEEL AS IF MY POWER IS BEING DRAGGED
THAT MEANS, ACTUALLY...
MY POWER IS FAR GREATER THAN BEFORE.
SHO...
WHAT...!

DO YOU BRING THAT MOON WEA-PON?
YEAH, I DO.
HERE...
PLEASE STAY STILL FOR A WHILE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
APPARENT-LY YOU MANAGED TO MAKE IT AS LONG AS IT SHOULD BE.
WHAT IS THIS?
BY THE NAME OF KOGETSU, THE CHIEF OF THE MOON GUARDIAN TRIBE...
I ADMIT YOU AS THE INHERITOR OF THE MOON SWORD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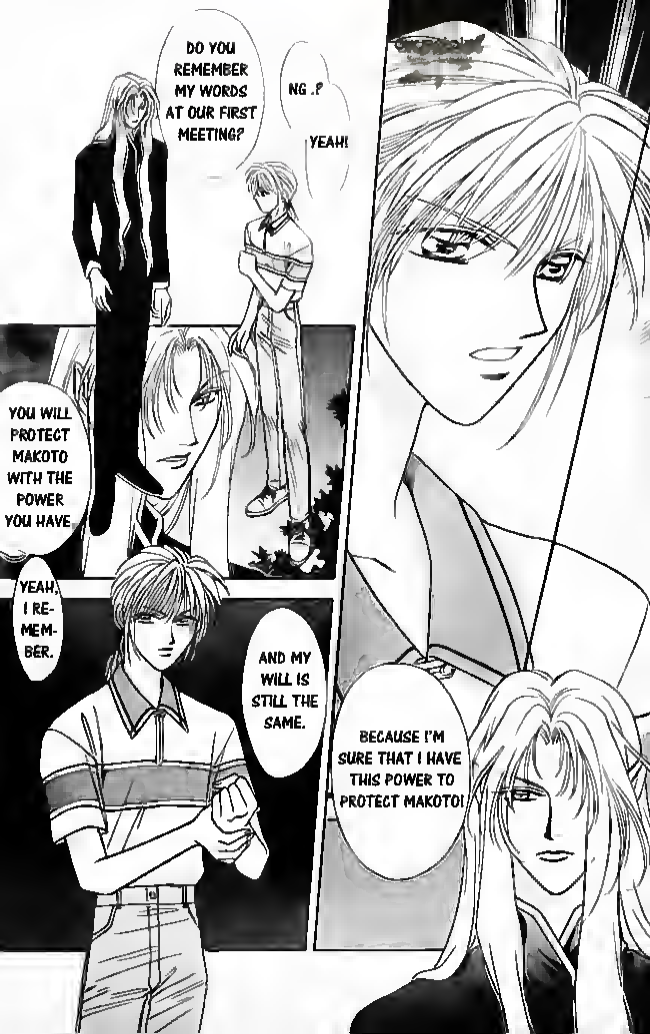
AH... THE MOON WEAPON

IS GONE..?

IT IS NOW IN YOUR BODY.
IN MY BODY?!

THE POWER OF THE MOON WEAPON IS ALREADY PLANTED IN YOUR BODY
IT WILL AWAKEN THE POWER THAT HAS BEEN LYING DORMANT WITHIN YOU AND ACTIVATE THAT POWER. IT WILL SUPPORT YOUR POWER.
OH... LIKE THAT ...


DO YOU REMEMBER MY WORDS AT OUR FIRST MEETING?
NG .?
YEAH!
YOU WILL PROTECT MAKOTO WITH THE POWER YOU HAVE.
YEAH, I RE-MEM-BER.
AND MY WILL IS STILL THE SAME.
BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT I HAVE THIS POWER TO PROTECT MAKOTO!

NEW MOON .
WHEN THE AGE OF THE MOON IS ZERO YEARS OLD.

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